ASPLENIUM ceterach.

Lin. Sp. Pl. 1538. *Ray Syn.* 118. *Flo. Scot.* 661.
Flo. Ang. 452. *Ger. Em.* 1139. *Park.* 1046.

TAB. XII.

SPLEENWORT.

THE root conſiſts of many fibres adhering to a ſhort ſhapeleſs head, which is ſurrounded thickly by the ſtumps of decayed leaves, and is of a dark-brown colour.

The leaves are from three to five inches long, ſemi-pinnate, and lance-ſhaped; the nerve brown towards the bottom, and naked for a little way from the root.

The lobes are about twenty pairs, ſhort, broad, roundiſh, intire, but waved on the edges, largeſt in the middle of the leaf, diminiſhing gradually both upwards and downwards, the uppermoſt placed obliquely, all of them confluent, and decurrent at the baſe, of a dark ſhining green on the upper ſide; when the plant is old, the lobes of the leaf roll together inwardly, and hide their ſmooth ſurfaces.

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